

Independent Custody Visiting Quarterly Update:

July - September 2021

Total number of detainees through custody	Number of ICV visits	Total number of detainees in custody at time of ICV visits	Total number of detainees unavailable	Number of detainees observed	Total number of detainees visited
1657	33	47	13	10	24

Number of ICV Calls	Total number of detainees in custody at time of ICV visits	Total number of detainees unavailable / refused	Total number of detainees spoken with
11	16	14	2

Active ICVs: 23

- Pembrokeshire: 6
- Powys: 6
- Ceredigion: 5
- Carmarthenshire: 6

Scheme Update:

- The OPCC in Dyfed-Powys has continued to review Custody records every month.
- The OPCC has been asked to lead on a pilot which asks ICVs to review the custody records of those who have been issued with an anti-rip suit. The aim of the pilot is to ensure that suits are being issued appropriately with sufficient rationale being recorded within individuals logs. The aim is that ICVs will be able to take part in this pilot once Covid-19 allows, whilst ICVs are unable to meet, the OPCC will continue to review these records.
- ICVs have now returned to full time physical visits from September 2021.
- ICVs have recently identifies some delays in nurses attending some of the suites, this has been flagged by the Chief Inspector of custody and is being progressed.

Custody Record reviewing findings:

Whilst ICV visits have been reduced, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office has been reviewing a selection of custody records every month in order to maintain an oversight of the custody environment during the pandemic. Approx. 15 records are reviewed each month.

Main findings:

- Improvements in females being appointed a female member of staff.
- No delays in the provision of Appropriate Adults or remote solicitor advice over the period.

- The availability of alternative accommodation for children continues to be an issue and this is being discussed at an all Wales level.
- There is a lack of detail being recorded within custody logs in relation to the provision of hygiene matters such as handwashing and showers.
- The OPCC will start reviewing records with a focus on the issuing of anti-rip suits from September onwards.